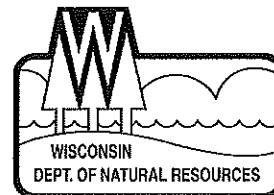


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Subject: Certification Statement for Approval of a Variance to Water Quality Standards
J.P. Pulliam Generating Station - WPDES Permit No. WI-0000965-09-0

Dear Ms. Hyde:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is proposing a variance to water quality standards used to establish effluent limitations for mercury at the above-named facility.

Pursuant to §§ 40 CFR Part 131.21 and 131.6, the Department must submit a certification statement to EPA for each variance approved in the state. The statement must certify that the variance to a water quality standard was approved in accordance with state law.

Accordingly, I hereby certify that the mercury variance was reviewed and approved by Department staff in accordance with procedures in subchapter III of chapter NR 106, Wis. Adm. Code. The application for this variance was submitted on December 17, 2010 and the department public noticed its intent to reissue the permit and grant the mercury variance on February 20, 2013 in accordance with Wis. Stat. §§ 283.15(3) and 283.39.

If you have any questions regarding the variance approval, please contact Nile Ostenso at 608-266-9239.

Sincerely,

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Chief Legal Counsel

DATED IN MADISON: June 4, 2013